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Filed : April 30, 2001
For : DEVICES FOR CONTROLLING THE REACTION
RATE AND/OR REACTIVITY OF HYDROCARBON
TO AN INTERMEDIATE OXIDATION PRODUCT BY
ADJUSTING THE OXIDANT CONSUMPTION RATE

Art Unit : 1623
Docket No. : 900105.413USD1
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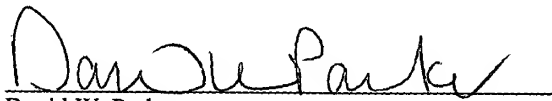
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Respectfully submitted,
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	AD	2,223,494	12/03/40	Loder	260	586	
	AE	2,301,240	11/10/42	Baumann et al.	183	115	
	AF	2,439,513	04/13/48	Hamblet et al.	260	533	
	AG	2,557,282	06/19/51	Hamblet et al.	260	533	
	AH	2,565,087	08/21/51	Porter et al.	260	631	
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	AJ	3,161,603	12/15/64	Leyshon et al.	252	413	

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	AM	EP 751 105 A2	01/02/97	EPO (+ English Language Translation)	X	
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	BH	3,677,696	07/18/72	Bryk et al.	23	2	
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	CK	5,123,936	06/23/92	Stone et al.	55	8	
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	CM	5,221,800	06/22/93	Park et al.	562	543	
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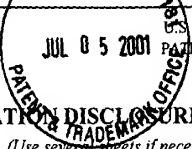
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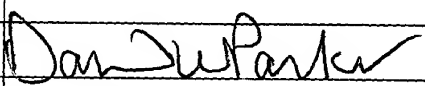
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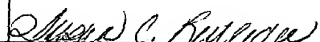
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